

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

Appendix A

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE June 6, 1984

FULL NAME Arthur W. Humphries

(No initials if you can possibly give full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Chesapeake STATE VA ZIP CODE 23325

DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 69 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Unknown NATIONALITY US Citizen

OCCUPATION Retired Norfolk Naval Station

EDUCATION Unknown

WEIGHT Aprox. 120 HEIGHT 5'3" RACE White

COLOR OF HAIR Redish/grey COLOR OF EYES Brown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Working with Handicapped children

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN 3 grown sons

WIFE'S NAME

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
472	Chesapeake	VA	SM	1973	12-31-83

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Silver Beaver, District Award of Merit, Letters of meritorious service from Presidents Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

9 counts of felony sodomy and 3 counts of manufacturing pornography
SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND
ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE
OR SPECULATION):

(Attached)

NOTED

FEB 14 '85

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed [Signature]

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Tidewater

CONF001808

October 24, 1990

Mr. Carlos del Hierro
Scout Executive
Norwela Council, No. 215

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dear Carlos:

You recently wrote concerning the above named individual and his application for registration with your council.

We do have a file on an Arthur Humphries who was placed on our Ineligible Volunteer File in 1984. Apparently, he was a long time Scoutmaster who did have sexual relations with youth members for many years.

Mr. Humphries lived in Chesapeake, Virginia which is a part of the Tidewater Council. We do not find very many boys names indicated in any of the material in our files. We do have the name of three boys, but [REDACTED] is not one of them.

I cannot tell you much more about this situation, except I am confused since this was a Scout troop that Mr. Humphries worked with. [REDACTED] would not have been in the Scout troop at eight years of age. I do not have any evidence that Mr. Humphries worked with a pack, although that certainly is possible and may have been omitted from our information. He did work for a period of eleven years with a troop that served the handicapped.

Please let us know if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: South Central Region, Sum SCR

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Norwela Council, Inc.
3508 Beverly Place
P. O. Box 4341, Shreveport, Louisiana 71134-0341
(318) 868-2774

October 9, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst
Registration Service
Boy Scouts of America
P.O. Box 152325
Irving, TX 75015-2325

Dear Paul:

The following individual has applied to an assistant Scoutmaster position in one of our troops:

AFC [REDACTED]
AGE 21
BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE

As a youth member (8 years old), an adult within the same unit was prosecuted for child molestation. This happened in the Chesapeake Council. The adult's name is Humphries. *TIDEWATER*

Our Scoutmaster is a little hesitant to accept him into the local troop without some clarification as to [REDACTED] involvement in the aforementioned event, if any.

Would you review your files and advise.

Cordially,

Carlos del Hierro
Scout Executive

CdH:mg

April 30, 1985

Mr. J. B. Terwilliger
Scout Executive
Tidewater Council, No. 596

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Arthur Humphries

Dear Jack:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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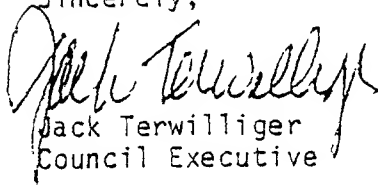
November 6, 1984

Paul Ernst
Registration, Subscription & Statistical
Service
National Office, BSA
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving TX 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

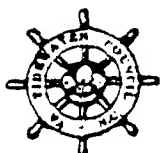
Here is the sentencing outcome on the Art Humphries case.

Sincerely,


Jack Terwilliger
Council Executive

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CONF001812

Ex-Scout leader sentenced for sexual assaults

By KERRY DE ROCHI

CHESAPEAKE — Arthur W. Humphries, a former Boy Scout leader who has earned two presidential leadership citations, was sentenced Thursday in Circuit Court to 151 years in prison for sexually assaulting 20 boys.

"Mr. Humphries, I find your conduct despicable and repulsive," Judge William H. Hodges said at the end of two hours of testimony. "You violated a trust, a trust of parents who placed in your control their most prized possession — their children."

Humphries, who will be 70 on Nov. 12, pleaded guilty in September to 31 felony charges stemming from the sexual assaults on boys between the ages of 8 and 18.

Some of the charges were for forcible sodomy, but most were for sexual contact with a minor.

The remaining counts were for life imprisonment and for having taken Polaroid pictures of the boys for sexual purposes.

Humphries was given a suspended life sen-

tence on one of the forcible sodomy charges, the suspension to be revoked if he is convicted of another crime. He will be eligible for parole in 12 years.

Humphries shook his head as Hodges pronounced sentence on each of the charges.

"I'm truly sorry," he told Hodges, leaning against the courtroom table. "I truly meant no harm."

The sentencing was greeted with scattered applause and tears from some of the 100 people in the courtroom.

"I'm sad," said Stephen L. Comfort, Humphries' court-appointed attorney, in an interview. "I have grave doubts he'll survive the penitentiary. He's an old man. I kind of hoped he would have died at home."

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kenneth R. Tait Jr., who prosecuted the case, said after

the trial that he believed the sentencing was appropriate, although he had requested stiffer penalties.

The sentencing brought to an end the longest trial in the history of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

According to testimony at his September trial, many of Humphries' victims were Boy Scouts who had been invited to his Norfolk Highlands home for craft counseling. Some were members of the Order of the Arrow Dance Team he advised.

Some were the disabled members of Camp 473 that Humphries had organized 10 years ago. Humphries is a retired electronics technician at the Naval Air Station and a former radio performer. His association with the Boy Scouts began in the 1960s.

In court Thursday, 15 character witnesses were called to testify for Humphries. Three took the stand and cited his dedication to both Scouting

and the community. Dr. Linkenberger of Aydslet, N.C., told the court he had known Humphries for 20 years and had been a member of his Scout troop when he was a boy. He said he had slept in tents and had been on hundreds of hikes with Humphries and had never had any problems with him.

Linkenberger said he cried when he first learned of Humphries' arrest. "My next feeling was that there were two Arthur Humphries," he said. "The Arthur Humphries I knew — this is not him."

Comfort, in his closing arguments, said Humphries had clearly shown remorse for his crimes and had tried to rectify the situation by waiving his right to a preliminary hearing so the victims would not have to testify.

He cited a statement made by Humphries' wife in the pre-sentence report that the Scout leader had become involved with the victims because of his great love for children.

□ Please see Assaults, Page D5



Humphries

Ex-Scout leader sentenced for sexual assaults, from Page D1

He said he was too loving and that things got out of control.

However, Tait said he questioned Humphries' love for children, given a history of sexual abuse that dated to the early 1970s. Humphries' victims, he said, now suffer nightmares and hide in closets. Some have allude problems and are afraid of the dark, which is not really their fault.

"They feel so deeply," Tait said, "that their parents 'had hoped' they would grow up safe, happy, and free." Tait said, "One man shattered it all."

Tait called as a witness Dr. Raymond J. Linkenberger, medical director of the Virginia Center of Psychiatry in Norfolk, who testified that he believed Humphries' condition was untreated. He had been sexually assaulting children, based on his age and how long able, the more offenses, the more time that has gone by, the much more difficult or almost impossible it is to treat," Linkenberger testified.



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September 12, 1984

Paul I. Ernst
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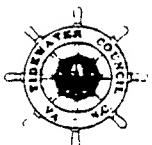
Attached please find two newspaper articles regarding the trial outcome of Arthur Humphries.

Sincerely,

Jack Terwilliger
Council Executive

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SEP 18 1984



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CONF001814

Former Scout leader pleads guilty to sodomy

By BOB GESKE

Staff writer

CHESAPEAKE — Arthur W. Humphries, a Boy Scout leader for nearly three decades, pleaded guilty in Circuit Court on Thursday to sodomy with 20 boys between the ages of 8 and 18.

Humphries, a small, frail 69-year-old man who is hard of hearing, entered pleas in a faint voice to a total of 31 felony charges dating back to 1972.

Testimony during the two-hour hearing before Judge William H. Hodges indicated that many of his victims were Boy Scouts who came to his Norfolk Highlands home for craft counseling or were members of the Order of the Arrow Dance Team that he advised.

Some of the boys were severely disabled members of Troop 472, which he organized a decade ago at the Kirk-Cone Rehabilitation Center in Chesapeake.

Eleven of the charges were forcible sodomy, which carries a maximum punishment of life in prison.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kenneth R. Taft Jr. said the victims in those cases were below the age of 13 and under Virginia law could not have given their consent to the homosexual acts. Taft told Hodges that the commonwealth had refused to plea bargain with Humphries.

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On the motion of Stephen L. Comfort, Humphries' court-appointed lawyer, Hodges ordered the preparation of a presentence report and delayed sentencing until Nov. 1.

He also ordered that Humphries be held in the city jail until then.

About 60 people attended the 10 a.m. hearing, most of them victims or members of victim's families. Humphries looked into the audience only once and smiled at his wife, who sat at the front of the room with other members of his family.

Detective Jeff Routson said that in one instance Humphries talked six young boys into a "strip dice" game

held at his home in the [REDACTED]

The majority of the attacks took place while Humphries' wife was out of the house, Routson said, and the man frequently took the boys into the master bedroom where he could watch the driveway.

On two occasions, Humphries went to the homes of the victims, Routson testified, and in another incident, Humphries sexually assaulted an 8-year-old boy at Camp Baker, a Boy Scout facility near Centerville Turnpike.

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Terwilliger said in an interview after the hearing that no one in the council had any indication of Humphries' behavior until he was arrested and charged on 12 counts in May. He was later indicted on 19 other felony charges.

Terwilliger said he feared publicity surrounding the case would have a negative effect on the local council's recruiting activities.

In recent years, Terwilliger said, Humphries was the adviser of the councilwide honor camping society that learned historical Indian dances and performed them at public functions throughout Tidewater.

One of the attacks took place in 1983 after the dance team had performed at the Chesapeake Jubilee celebration, Routson said, and others occurred when team members came to Humphries' home to work on their dance routines.

Humphries formally resigned from his volunteer role in the Boy Scouts last December.

The attacks continued after he left the organization, and Routson testified that 12 of the 31 charges related to liaisons he had between March and May of this year.

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SEP 18 1984

Ex-scoutmaster pleads guilty to 31 sex charges

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April 4, 1978

Mr. Arthur Humphries
1210 Elder Avenue
Chesapeake, VA 23325

Dear Mr. Humphries:

On behalf of the National Advisory Committee on Scouting for the Handicapped, I am proud and happy to congratulate you for your very special contribution to the lives of handicapped boys.

You were one of 25 volunteer leaders from the entire country to be nominated by their peers for consideration for "The Woods Schools Award" for the person considered to have made the greatest contribution to Scouting for the Handicapped. The Award memorializes the late Luther W. Lord, who was a legend in his own time, in his dedication to the program we all love so well.

The judges selected Dr. John Sevier of Valley Forge Council (PA), a professor of Weidner College, Chester, Pennsylvania, as the recipient of the first award, which is given by The Woods Schools where Luther Lord changed the lives of thousands of young people over almost a quarter century.

Sincerely,

William P. McCahill, Chairman
National Advisory Committee on
Scouting for the Handicapped

CONF001817



CITY OF CHESAPEAKE

CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

MARIAN P. WHITEHURST
MAYOR

April 24, 1978

Mr. Arthur Humphries
[REDACTED]
Chesapeake, Virginia 23325

Dear Mr. Humphries:

Congratulations!

It was a special privilege for me to have the opportunity of presenting the Mayor's Outstanding Service Award for the considerable amount of volunteer service you give to the handicapped boys in the City at the First Annual Awards Banquet sponsored by the Chesapeake Parks and Recreation Department and Advisory Board on March 30, 1978.

We realize that many citizens in our community are blessed to have an individual who shares of himself in helping these young men in our community. Your caring is important to so many others.

We wish for you continued success in all that you do.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marian P. Whitehurst".

(Mrs.) Marian P. Whitehurst

MPW/sk

Enclosure

CONF001818

KIRK-CONE REHABILITATION CENTER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

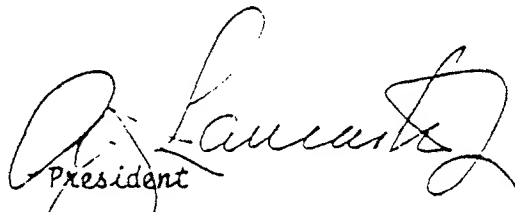
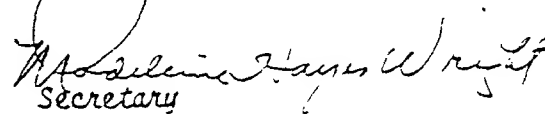
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Arthur W. Humphries has been Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop #472 since September, 1972; and

WHEREAS, He has contributed in a remarkable way to the development and progress of the Boy Scout Troop #472, by taking them on Jamborees, overnight camping trips, and various other activities that help make a well rounded boy; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Kirk-Cone Rehabilitation Center recognizes the fine work of Arthur W. Humphries;

THEREFORE Be it resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Kirk-Cone Rehabilitation Center express to Arthur W. Humphries deep appreciation for his service to the handicapped children of the area.


President

Secretary

June 17, 1975

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CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA 23320

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

November 22, 1974

Mr. Arthur W. Humphries


[REDACTED]
Chesapeake, Virginia 23325

Dear Mr. Humphries:

I thought you might want an extra copy in case you had not already seen the nice picture that appeared in the Chesapeake Post. I want to tell you how much I appreciate the unselfish and untiring devotion you have been giving to the Kirk-Cone Boy Scout Troop. I was very much impressed with the program that was presented at the Center last week. It was a fitting tribute to the good work you have been doing--a well deserved one.

Thank you again for your interest in our young people.

Sincerely,


E. W. Chittum
Superintendent

EWC/jac

CONF001820



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INCORPORATED

POST OFFICE BOX 883

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23501

November 25, 1974

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Mr. Arthur W. Humphries

Chesapeake, Virginia 23325

Dear Mr. Humphries:

The Virginian-Pilot recently published an article (Lawrence Maddrey column) on the members of Boy Scout Troop 472 and their achievements during the Elizabeth River District's Fall Camporee. The troop's earning the Joe Baker Memorial Trophy is certainly an achievement that should bring much pride to all involved. As the Scoutmaster of Troop 472, you must be especially proud to see the results of your hard work and many training sessions that must have preceded the Camporee.

The Civitan Club of Norfolk wishes to commend you for your efforts in this most worthy undertaking. Your accepting the responsibilities as Scoutmaster for a troop comprised of "special scouts" is a most notable act and is appreciated by many of our citizens. It is through the efforts of citizens like yourself that gives us all hope for a better world. Your understanding the special needs of others and your untiring efforts to meet these needs is certainly a giant step towards fulfilling this hope.

The motto for Civitan International is "Builders of Good Citizenship." We certainly feel that you are a definite asset in promoting our efforts in building good citizens. We commend you for this.

Please accept our best wishes for yourself and your troop. We look forward to hearing of your future achievements.

Sincerely,

T. J. Mislan
Club Secretary

copy to:

Richard H. Shortt, President

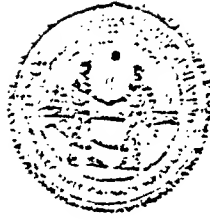
Tidewater Council, Boy Scouts of America

1810 Monticello Ave., Norfolk, Va.

Lorance Bredahl, Principal, Kirk-Cone

Rehabilitation Center of Chesapeake, 1057 Bells Mill Rd.,
Chesapeake, Va.

CONF001821



CITY OF CHESAPEAKE

CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

MARIAN P. WHITEHURST
MAYOR

May 24, 1976

Dear Mr. Humphries,

The AYUNL'I INDIAN DANCERS were introduced at the RSVP Senior Volunteer Luncheon by Marie Dick as the highlight of the meeting last Friday. Her introduction was certainly no understatement as the group and their presentation was beautiful.

Congratulations to you and all the young men participating in this very outstanding entertainment.

I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Marian P. Whitehurst
(Mrs.) Marian P. Whitehurst

bjc

Mr. Arthur W. Humphries
[REDACTED]
Chesapeake, Va. 23325

I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN CAMPFIRES & CEREMONIES ALL OF MY SCOUTING CAREER, ALSO SPENT 15 YEARS ON THE PROFESSIONAL STAGE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. I TEACH INDIAN DANCING, PRODUCE & DIRECT SHOWS AND CEREMONIES OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN. MY DANCE TEAM WHICH I STARTED IN 1969 IS STILL DANCING. WE ARE IN OUR FIFTH GENERATION OF BOYS. THESE DANCERS ARE ORDER OF THE ARROW -

Art. Humphries

CONF001822

March 31, April 1, 1978

Published with The Ledger-Star and The Virginian-Pilot

V81

Top volunteer works with 'greatest' kids

By MARGIE HURLBUT
Staff Writer

CHESAPEAKE — Art Humphries coaches a baseball team that doesn't use bats or baseballs.

Instead of running from base to base, his players move from chair to chair.

Pitches are in the form of questions. Strikes and hits are made with answers.

But for the Eagles, Bears, Lions and the Buffaloes, composed of handicapped Boy Scouts, the spirit's just the same.

And to Humphries, their scout leader, they're all winners.

"They're the greatest kids in the world," he said.

The baseball word game, which features questions about scouting, is a favorite activity of the 30 handicapped boys, ages 11 to 21, who belong to Humphries' Troop 472 at Kirk-Cone Rehabilitation Center for the handicapped in Chesapeake.

Humphries, 63, a retired Naval Air Station hydraulic specialist, was honored for his scouting work Thursday night when he received the Mayor's Outstanding Service Award at the Parks and Recreation Department's first annual Volunteer Awards Banquet.

The award was presented to the volunteer who had done the most to promote or provide leisure-time services in Chesapeake.

Twenty other Chesapeake residents also received awards at the banquet, held at the Indian River Community Center.

"I treat these children like normal kids—which they are. They're no different from anybody else," said Humphries, who has three grown children and a grandchild of his own.

In 1974 the Norfolk Highlands resident, who has been active in scouting since he was 13, was awarded the Silver Beaver award by the Tidewater Boy Scout Council, the highest award that can be presented to an adult by a local council.

Humphries started the Kirk-Cone troop five years ago at the urging of the local scout council.

"Scouting is well worthwhile," he said. "It teaches citizenship, survival, how to camp and cook—things that are important to know."

Since the troop was formed, handicapped Cub Scout and Girl Scout troops involving 28 children have been started at the school.

"The students learned to work together and learn that, through teamwork, they can get things done," said Lorence Bredahl, center director.

At least two former Kirk-Cone pupils, now attending regular high schools in the city, were motivated to read through the scout program, Bredahl said.

"A lot of our kids have no real incentive to learn to read and the scout manual is a reason for reading," Bredahl said.

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For Chesapeake and Portsmouth classifieds, turn to pages 8-11.



Humphries teaches art of knifelying

Portsmouth has two handicapped scout groups. Twenty boys are enrolled in a scout program Monday mornings at the Diagnostic Adjustive and Corrective Center for Learning. Another troop, comprised of 11 boys, meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Disabled American Veteran building, 72 Arlington Parkway in Cradock.

The boys in Humphries' troop play educational games, earn merit badges for studying subjects like citizenship or for doing hobbies and crafts. Darrell Dooley, 14, the senior patrol leader, for instance, has 17 merit badges and is just short of becoming an Eagle Scout.

"They teach me as much as I teach them," said Humphries, who also leads a citywide American Indian dance team for normal scouts.

Each summer he takes a group of the handicapped youngsters to summer camp. In 1974, his troop took first place in a district Camporee, competing with 20 normal scout troops in camping skills.

"Our big problem has been getting adult help," Humphries said. Mrs. Dollie Gillespie, his volunteer assistant for the past five years, recently became ill and has been unable to assist.

"If any adult would be willing to help, I'd be tickled to death," he said. "One adult with 30 boys—it's not that easy," he said. "But they're a lovable bunch of kids."



Love and congratulations
Humphries gets big hug from Mark Newby, 11



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April 24, 1980

Mr. Jack Richmond, Director of
Education and Handicapped Services
National Office, Boy Scouts of America
P. O. Box 61030
Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport, Texas 75261

Dear Jack:

I am attaching a Jamboree Application from Mr. Art Humphries. I believe the attached letters of recommendation and the newspaper write-up will give you a well rounded picture of Art. If selected, I am sure that he would add much to the handicapped awareness trail at the 1981 Jamboree.

Sincerely,


Jack Tarwilliger
Council Executive

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Attachment



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CONF001824

**Ex-Scout leader
admits sex abuse**

Ch. Page 1
September 7, 1984

CHESAPEAKE, Va.—A former leader of a troop of handicapped Boy Scouts who had received presidential citations pleaded guilty Thursday to 31 charges involving sexual abuse and taking pornographic pictures of young boys. Arthur W. Humphries, 69, of Chesapeake, entered his plea before Circuit Court Judge William Hodges, who set sentencing for Nov. 1. Humphries pleaded guilty to 22 counts of sodomy, 11 of which carry a maximum life term, 10 of which carry a maximum 5-year term and one that carries a maximum 3-year term. He admitted to nine charges of manufacturing child pornography, which carries a total maximum term of 55 years. Assistant Commonwealth Atty. Ken Taft said Humphries had engaged in sodomy and taken pornographic pictures of 20 boys, ranging in age from 8 to 15.

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June 25, 1984

Harold Fieszel
Risk Management Service
National Office, BSA
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving TX 75062-1296

Dear Harold:

Here is the information regarding Art Humphries and Keith Gardner.

The May 10, 1978, statement was requested by me and done by Doug Robol (then the district executive for the district). The May 13, 1978, interview was conducted by Larry Bredahl (then the executive director of Kirk-Cone Rehabilitation Center), the sponsor of Troop 472. No action was taken by Larry Bredahl, Kirk-Cone or the Tidewater Council.

The next awareness we had was on April 3, 1984, that Art Humphries was being investigated by the city of Chesapeake Social Service, and the Chesapeake Police Department. He was then arrested May 23, 1984.

Keith Gardner was arrested on June 1, 1984, apparently his arrest is related to the Art Humphries case.

The article regarding Edward C. Chambers is for information only and is apparently not related to either Humphries or Gardner cases; however, the article mentions Detective J.L. Rouston who is the detective investigating Humphries and Gardner.

Attached also are the news articles referring to the settlement several Eastern Shore (Virginia) youths who were molested by a school bus driver.

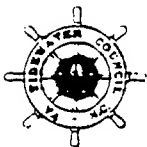
I will keep you informed when and if additional information becomes available.

Sincerely,

Jack Terwilliger
Jack Terwilliger
Council Executive
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Jan 1974



ARTHUR WALLACE HUMPHRIES
SILVER BEAVER

RECORD OF SERVICE TO THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council Committee, 1926-1927. Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 202, 1933-1935. Committee Member, Troop 22, 1942-1943. Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 438, 1942-1944. District Committee, 1944-1959. Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 366, 1957-1958. Institutional Representative, Troop 366, 1958-1968. District Commissioner Staff, 1960-1964. Order of the Arrow, Chapter Advisor, 1962-1964. Order of the Arrow, Lodge Lay Advisor, 1965-1966. Committee Chairman, Troop 366, 1968-1969. Committeeman, Ship 54, 1966-1968. Institutional Representative, Ship 54, 1968-1969. Committeeman, Pack 38, 1968-1969. Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 190, 1969-1971. Scoutmaster, Troop 472, 1972-present. Council Special Scouting Committee, 1973-present.

STATEMENT COVERING NOMINEE'S STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY EXCLUSIVE OF SCOUTING

National Congress, PTA. Washington Civic League. Member, Oaklette Methodist Church and Sunday School.

RECORD OF NOTEWORTHY SERVICE OF EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER TO BOYHOOD

Mr. Humphries has taken all positions he has assumed in Scouting most conscientiously. He is a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow, and has served on the Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Committees faithfully each year. In 1972, he helped organize Troop 472 at the Kirk-Cone Rehabilitation Center for Handicapped Boys. In his position as Scoutmaster of Troop 472, Mr. Humphries took six of the handicapped boys to Summer Camp at Pipsico as an experiment. This Summer Camp experience was so successful that in the summer of 1974, he took 39 handicapped boys to Pipsico for a camping experience. His actions and performance give evidence that he truly believes - Scouting is for all boys.

May 10, 1978

STATEMENT

1st TIME

WHEN : SOMETIME BETWEEN LUNCH AND SUPPER
DURING JULY 10, 1977 THRU JULY 16, 1977.

WHERE : LATRINE IN CAMP KIWANIS OF
PIPSICO SCOUT RESERVATION

WHO : ART HUMPHRIES AND [REDACTED]

WHAT HAPPENED : "I WAS GOING TO BATHROOM
AND MR. HUMPHRIES CAME IN. HE WATCHED
ME GO, THEN HE FELT ME, THEN HE PUT
HIS MOUTH ON IT AND SUCKED IT. HE THEN
TOLD ME TO DO THE SAME AND I DID. MR HUMPHRIES
TOLD ME NOT TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS."

ANOTHER TIME

WHEN : AT NIGHT IN CAMPSITE DURING JULY
10, 1977 THRU JULY 16, 1977.

WHERE : BEHIND CAMPSITE IN CAMP KIWANIS

WHO : ART HUMPHRIES AND [REDACTED]

WHAT HAPPENED : "WE WENT TO STUDY A MERIT
BADGE. AFTER WE GOT IN THE WOODS, MR HUMPHRIES
SAID, "PULL IT OUT." [REDACTED] DID. MR. HUMPHRIES
THEN SUCKED IT. THEN I DID IT TO HIM."

ANOTHER TIME

WHEN : AT NIGHT DURING JULY 10, 1977 THRU
JULY 16, 1977

WHERE : IN TENT IN Camp 10 [REDACTED]

WHO : ART HUMPHRIES, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

WHAT HAPPENED : "MR. HUMPHRIES
CAME INTO OUR TENT AND
TALK TO US. HE ASKED ME TO PULL IT OUT, I DID.
HE THEN SUCKED IT. THEN I DID IT TO HIM.
MR. HUMPHRIES THEN GOT [REDACTED] TO PULL HIS
OUT AND HE DID IT TO HIM. [REDACTED] DIDN'T DO
IT TO MR. HUMPHRIES. MR. HUMPHRIES LEFT.
[REDACTED] ASKED ME TO DO IT TO HIM. I SAID
NO, AND DIDN'T. LATER . . . I WAS IN MY
SLEEPING BAG AND [REDACTED] SLEPT OVER TO ME
AND SUCKED IT."

" . . . [REDACTED] DID IT TO [REDACTED] TWO MORE
TIMES, THE NEXT NIGHT AND THE NIGHT AFTER
THAT. "

— LAST TIME

WHEN : SEPTEMBER 3, 1977 DURING HOURS
OF 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM.

WHERE : ART HUMPHRIES HOME IN CHESAPEAKE, VA.

WHO : ART HUMPHRIES AND [REDACTED]

WHAT HAPPENED : "I WENT TO MR. HUMPHRIES
TO STUDY CITIZENSHIP MERIT BADGE. MR.
HUMPHRIES TOOK ME IN THE BEDROOM, HE
CLOSED THE DOOR. HE SAID TO PULL OUT
MY THING. I DID. HE THEN PUT HIS
MOUTH ON IT AND SUCKED IT. HE ASKED
ME TO DO IT TO HIM AND I DID. "

[REDACTED]

MR. [REDACTED] HAD GUT FEELING ON
THIS 2 YEARS AGO. ① MAN WHO IS SO
DEDICATED TO KIDS IS ABNORMAL. ② PHYSICAL
EVIDENCE WAS BOYS WITH SWOLLEN RED
LIPS. ③ ART NEVER WANTED PARENTS
OF BOYS TO STAY AROUND ON CAMPING
TRIPS. ④ [REDACTED] BEGAN TO BE RELUCTANT TO GO CAMPING

I ASKED [REDACTED] EXACTLY WHAT
OCCURED. HE SAID, "HE GOES DOWN ON
THE BOYS AND THEY GO DOWN ON HIM."

THEIR OPINION OF FIRST OFFENCE

- 1ST AT SUMMER CAMP DURING WEEK
OF JULY 10 THRU JULY 16, 1977
- 2ND IN ART'S HOME ON SEPT. 3, 1977
MRS [REDACTED] PICKED UP [REDACTED]
AT THIS SESSION, WHEN [REDACTED]
CAME OUT HIS PANTS ZIPPER
WAS DOWN.

QUESTIONS I ASKED [REDACTED]

Doug: Do you like Mr. Humphries?

[REDACTED]: "I did, but since this, No!"

Doug: Did you like Mr. Humphries when he was doing this?

[REDACTED]: Nods head yes

Doug: Do you know of any other boys Mr. Humphries did this to?

[REDACTED]: yes

Doug: How do you know?

[REDACTED]: I just feel if he did it to one he did it to all.

Doug: Did you ever see him do this to any other boys?

[REDACTED]: yes

Doug: Who?

[REDACTED]: [REDACTED] told me Mr. Humphries told him that [REDACTED], a boy who lives down the street, does this to himself.

I

SWEAR

THAT MR. ART HUMPHRIES DID ON
THREE SEPARATE OCCASSIONS, ONCE AT
HIS HOME ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1977 AND
TWICE IN SUMMER CAMP DURING THE
WEEK OF JULY 10 THRU JULY 16, 1978,
PERFORMED ORAL SEX WITH ME.

July-10-1978

I DOUGLAS ROBOL DO PROMISE THAT
THIS STATEMENT WILL NOT BE USED
IN A COURT ROOM OR AS AN OFFICAL
COMPLAINT TO THE POLICE.

Douglas Robol

Detective Dennis Midgott Jr.

[REDACTED]

CHESAPEAKE

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Chesapeake -

All registered in TC 472

JBT -
5/10/78

Some questions, answers and comments made during a meeting between Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. Lorence Bredahl on Saturday, May 13, 1978.

NOTE: The following questions were prefaced by a discussion intended to orientate [REDACTED] to the locale of the incidents he was to be questioned about. [REDACTED] father was present and occasionally interjected a clarifying remark.

I'm talking to [REDACTED]. A member of the Boy Scout Troop at the Kirk-Cone Rehabilitation Center. I am going to be asking him some questions about events that might or might not have occurred in campouts that have taken place in the past year.

Question: [REDACTED], have you had any bodily contact of a sexual nature with any of the scouts in your troop? [REDACTED] said no.

Question: Have you had any bodily contact of a sexual nature with your scout leader? [REDACTED] said no.

Question: Has there been a questioning by other scouts relative to your development, to your growing older, becoming more mature? ([REDACTED] did not understand this question. [REDACTED], this is in relation to growth of pubic hair, the development of your genitals, the development of your body in general.

Question: Do you know what your genitals are? [REDACTED] answered yes.

Question: Has any other boy scout with whom you were camping said anything to you about your development? [REDACTED] said no.

Question: I was told that another scout did in fact put his mouth on your penis. Has this happened? [REDACTED] said no.

Question: [REDACTED] you have just said that you spent a night at camp with [REDACTED], is this true? [REDACTED] said yes.

Question: You said that when you were changing your pampers, [REDACTED] began talking to you about your apparent physical development, mainly your growth of pubic hair, the growth of your penis, and your general physical development. Is this true? [REDACTED] said yes.

Question: At anytime, while changing your pampers, did [REDACTED] touch your penis? [REDACTED] said no.

Question: Did he or did he not touch your penis with his mouth, with any part of his body? [REDACTED] said no. Note: [REDACTED] father has periodically admonished [REDACTED] to be sure that he is telling the truth, that he is leaving nothing out of this description of his experiences at Camp Pipsico. It appears to me that we have a real healthy relationship here, and that [REDACTED] in fact is not denying anything that did in fact happen.

Statement to [REDACTED]: The event of your changing your pampers amounted to [REDACTED] making fun of you because you had to wear pampers and of [REDACTED] interest in your physical development.

Question: [REDACTED], does that about summarize the pampers changing incident? [REDACTED] said yes.

█████ said that "the only person that has touched him, his body parts in the area of his genitals, is a scout assistant who has helped him to change his pampers." Note: █████ must change his pampers periodically. Normally █████ does this by himself, but on occasion an adult might help him with it. █████ clarified this by saying: "the only time that an adult does help him is when he is ready to go to bed he needs help to put on two pampers rather than one." Mr. █████ just said: "he has nothing but the highest regard for the scout leaders with which his son is involved. Until such time that he hears and/or is able to get more factual information than what we have at this present time he has no qualms about his son being involved with scouts." This problem has been discussed with █████.

NOTE: Several months ago █████ and suggested to her that there might be a problem during the camping experiences. Since that time they have—the parents have discussed this with █████ on the occasion of every campout and █████ has consistently denied that anything of an overt sexual nature occurred. Mr. █████ feels that this incident is entirely the figment of █████ imagination. Until the █████ are able to get more concrete information of any unusual occurrences they will be doing nothing about it.

I, █████, do solemnly swear that the answers I gave to the above questions are true.

Signature

The above listed questions, answers, comments and notes give an accurate account of my conversation with Mr. Bredahl.

Signature

June 14, 1984

Mr. J. B. Terwilliger
Scout Executive
Tidewater Council, No. 596

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Jack:

Thank you for the information concerning Arthur Sumphries and Keith Gardner. This information will be most helpful to us as we refuse registration at a later time.

I hope you will keep us informed as further things develop. We would certainly like to know the outcome of any legal action which does take place. If there is a trial, we would like to know if conviction is indicated, and also the sentencing so that we may add this information to our files.

Any statements from individuals who have been connected with the troop or who were involved in these activities would also help to strengthen our files.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or we can be of help in any way.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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June 6, 1984

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Subscription and
Statistical Service
National Office BSA
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving TX 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

Attached please find two confidential record sheets for Arthur Humphries former Scoutmaster Troop 472 and Keith Gardner former Scout Troop 437, both arrested on felony sodomy charges.

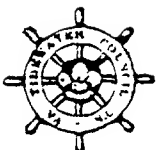
I am trying to obtain copies of the arrest warrant and will forward copies when received. Please note that both of these are interrelated.

I should point out that the Humphries case is still being investigated, hopefully no more will surface.

Sincerely,

Jack Terwilliger
Jack Terwilliger
Council Executive

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CONF001837

Virginia Pilot May 24 1984

Ex-Scout leader held on

By SHARON NOVOTNE

and BILL REED

Staff writers

CHESAPEAKE — A 69-year-old former Boy Scout leader, whose work with handicapped boys had won praise from community leaders and United States presidents, faces sodomy and pornography charges stemming from alleged contacts with three Scouts.

Arthur W. Humphries, a Scout leader and adviser for more than 30

years before his troop disbanded, in March, appeared Wednesday in Chesapeake Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court on nine counts of felony sodomy and three



Humphries

counts of manufacturing pornography. He is in city jail under \$140,000 bond.

When Humphries was arrested Tuesday night at his home in the [redacted] in the city's Norfolk Highlands section, police said they confiscated a "handful" of color photographs of juveniles involved in various sexual acts. On the wall in the den of Humphries' home are citations for his meritorious service to Scouting — one from former Presi-

12 morals charges

dent Gerald Ford, the other from President Ronald Reagan, police said.

The charges resulted from incidents that allegedly occurred at Humphries' home from 1981 through last month, police said. The boys involved were 11 to 14 years old, all were Boy Scouts, and some had handicaps and learning disabilities.

The six-week investigation that led to the arrest began after a tip from an adult whom police did not name.

The Chesapeake Sexual Trauma Team, made up of social workers and police, worked on the case. Police said the investigation is continuing.

Humphries' arrest shocked Scouting officials. "It's kind of knocked everybody off their socks. They don't know what to say," said Robert Oliver of the Elizabeth River District of the Tidewater Boy Scout Council.

☐ Please see Scout, Page D6

Virginia Pilot, May 24, 1984

Ex-Scout leader held

□ Scout, from Page D1

Though Humphries' affiliation with the Scouts officially ceased in March when he did not renew the charter for the handicapped Scouts of Troop 472, Oliver said Humphries continued to turn out in his uniform at Scout activities. Oliver said Humphries' participation with Scouts since March "was totally on his own. He still came out in uniform. It was like somebody coming to a baseball game in a baseball uniform."

David Davies, a Scout council field director, said Humphries "has had a distinguished record with this council for a good many years."

In addition to being a troop leader, Humphries also had been an adviser to the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow Indian dance team that performed last weekend at the Chesapeake Jubilee. He taught the youngsters, who range from 12 to 18 years old, Indian lore and dancing, helped make the dancers' costumes and played Indian drums for the troop, police said.

Before Humphries officially dropped out of Scouting in March, he had won merit awards for his work with Troop 472, the special unit he organized in 1974 for handicapped boys at Kirk-Cone Rehabilitation Center in Chesapeake.

"They're the greatest kids in the world," Humphries said in a 1978 interview before receiving the Mayor's Outstanding Service Award.

"I found out these kids weren't any

different than any other," Humphries told The Virginian-Pilot in an interview last year. "There's no such thing as a handicapped child. They are children with a problem."

One parent said Humphries was well-respected by Scouts and helped older boys from various troops work on citizenship and other projects for Eagle Scout badges. Humphries received the Silver Beaver, the highest award a local volunteer can win from the national Scouting program.

He launched fund-raisers to finance camps for handicapped students and keep the special troop going. The Boy Scout manual, he said last year, gave his special Scouts incentive to learn to read.

"They love me, and I love them," Humphries said last year. "You can't fool them, you can't snow them, they know whether you're sincere. They want to belong, they want to do what other boys do."

Humphries' [redacted] neighbors were surprised when they learned of the charges. They know Humphries as a quiet man and a good neighbor.

"To us he has always been a good neighbor, and we have always liked him," said Myrtle Smith, who lives two doors from the Humphries. "We've lived here for 18 years and have always found him to be a good neighbor. I'm very shocked to hear this."

Another neighbor, who declined to give her name, said: "I'm shocked

out of my skin about it. He's been in the Scouts for years. Isn't it strange that we're just hearing about this now all of a sudden?"

[redacted], where the Kirk-Cone students have shared classroom space for several years, said Troop 472 stopped meeting at the school in April 1983 after the school's curriculum expanded with a sheltered workshop and other programs. "There was no time for the Boy Scouts," said Burrus. No problems were reported during the time the troop met at the school, he said.

About 60 special Scouts, some in braces and wheelchairs and some on crutches, were members of Troop 472 before it disbanded. Oliver said Troop 472 was the only troop Humphries led in recent years.

Humphries, a South Carolina native, retired in 1970 from the Norfolk Naval Station after 30 years as a hydraulic specialist. He is married and the father of three grown sons, police said.

In previous newspaper interviews, Humphries said he joined the Boy Scouts when he was 13.

He has been active in Scouting leadership activities in Chesapeake for at least 30 years, said Sgt. C.R. Schafer, who was involved in Chesapeake Scouting as a youth with his father and remembers Humphries as a Scout leader.

Ledger - Star

5-23-84

Boy Scout leader faces sex charges

By BILL REED
Staff writer

CHESAPEAKE — A 69-year-old Boy Scout leader with two presidential citations for Scouting was arrested Tuesday on 12 felony sodomy and pornography charges resulting from alleged contacts with Scouts from 1981 through last month.

Arthur W. Humphries, leader of the Order of the Arrow Dance Team, a local Scouting organization, was jailed under \$140,000 bond, Detective Lt. Donald S. Zeagler said today.

Humphries was to be arraigned today in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

Police said Humphries received one presidential citation for meritorious service to Scouting from former President Gerald Ford and one from President Ronald Reagan. He also is the recipient of the Silver Beaver, Scouting's highest award.

Jeffrey C. Irving, adviser to the Order of the Arrow Dance Team, said today he was shocked to learn of Humphries' arrest.

He said boys on the team range from 12 to 18.

Humphries, a South Carolina native, retired in 1970 from the Norfolk Naval Station after 30 years as an aircraft mechanic.

He lives in the [REDACTED] in the city's Norfolk Highlands section.

He has been active in Scouting activities in Chesapeake for at least 30 years, according to Sgt. Ronald Schafer, who was in Scouting in Chesapeake as a youth.

In 1974 Humphries organized a special Scout troop of handicapped boys at Kirk-Cone Rehabilitation Center in Chesapeake.

As a leader of the Order of the Arrow, Humphries taught American Indian lore to his charges and helped make their costumes, according to police.

The dance team performed last weekend during the Chesapeake Jubilee.

Humphries is married and the father of three grown sons, police said.

Ledger Star 5-23-84

Former Scout leader held in morals case

By BILL REED
and SHARON NOVOTNE

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He has been charged with nine counts of felony sodomy and three counts of manufacturing pornography. Police said they confiscated a "handful" of color photographs of juveniles involved in various sexual acts when officers arrested Humphries at his home Tuesday night.

Police said that Humphries' alleged contacts with the boys, all of whom were Boy Scouts, took place at his home from 1981 through last month. Some of the boys are handicapped or learning disabled, police said.

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Until March, Humphries had been scoutmaster of Troop 472, according to David Davies, field director of the Tidewater Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Davies said Humphries also had been an adviser with the Order of the Arrow, Elizabeth River Chapter.

Jeffrey C. Irving, adviser to the Order of the Arrow, said Humphries was a member of the Order of the Arrow for many years.

Humphries, 69, was born in Chesapeake and lived in the city for most of his life.

Ex-Scout leader jailed on morals charges

From page D1

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Humphries is married and the father of three grown sons, police said.

[redacted] principal, said that the Kirk-Cone Rehabilitation Center Scout troop was disbanded in April 1983, after the school's curriculum expanded with a sheltered workshop program and other activities.

The Kirk-Cone classes were moved into the Crestwood building about three years ago.

Humphries had organized the Scouting troop of handicapped boys at Kirk-Cone in 1974. And, until the troop disbanded, Burrus said the troop met in the Crestwood school cafeteria.

Burrus said that he never received any reports of problems during the time the Kirk-Cone troop met at Crestwood.

Ledger Star 5-23-84

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TIMES DISPATCH
5-25-84

Former Scout leader faces sex charges

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NEWS ALERT

Date: June 1, 1984

Time: 12:30 pm

Followup to verbal report of May 23, 198

The following information was received from the source indicated and may have possible news or other confidential implications. Details to follow, if required.

Source: Dave Davies, Field Director

Telephone: [REDACTED]

(Name and Title)

Address: Tidewater Council, Norfolk, VA.

The facts: Arthur Humphries, 69, [REDACTED], Chesapeake, VA is under arrest for 12 counts of sodomy allegedly involving Boy Scouts over a period of 3 years some during Scout activities. He was a Scoutmaster at that time, but not at the time of his recent arrest. He is married with several grown children.

Keith Gardner, 20, single, [REDACTED] Virginia Beach, VA, is under arrest on 2 counts of sodomy and 1 count of indecent liberties with a minor in the same case. Gardner was a Scout in the council from October 1974 to May 1983 but is not now registered. Whether Gardner was in Humphries troop is not immediately clear.

~~Council is cooperating with police agencies in their investigation. Davies called regarding release of additional records; Park to call him back.~~
ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

~~Region is aware of situation. Council following standard procedures.~~

~~There is heavy publicity.~~

Signed: Brendan Boller

Ext: 2277

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Date 5/23 Time 4:17


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